

DEATH LIST OF MINERS REACHES TWENTY FIVE NOW

THREE BODIES LOST

Convicts Suffered in an Explosion in an Alabama Mine, the Death List at This Mine Remains at Nine; First Reports Do Not Say Whether Victims Were White.

Gates, Pa., Feb. 3.—Twenty five miners lost their lives in the explosion which wrecked a part of the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company yesterday, according to official reports twenty two bodies have been recovered. The other three are buried under a fall of slate and cannot be reached from the entries in which rescue crews have been working.

Mine teams were sent early today to the Edenborne mine and are expected to work their way through the old workings to the section of the Gates mine affected by the explosion.

Nine Dead.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 3.—With all the convicts employed in the Belle Ellen mines in Bibb county accounted for today, the death list as a result of an explosion late yesterday remained at nine according to reports received at the office of the State mine inspector here.

First reports did not give the names of the dead or state whether the victims were white or black.

CHARLOTTE CO. GETS CONTRACT

Washington, Feb. 3.—Awards of contracts for the construction and equipment of seven hospital buildings at Augusta, Ga., were announced by the treasury department today.

The Northeastern Construction Co. of Charlotte was awarded the construction of seven buildings for \$263,000. The Charlotte Company was the lowest of 20 bidders.

FOUR BALLOTS IN VOTING ON POPE

None of them Contained Sufficient Votes for Any Cardinal to Elect a Pope.

Rome, Feb. 3.—Voting for the election of a Pope to succeed Benedict XV was begun by the conclave of the sacred college today. Two ballots had been taken up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, on neither of which any cardinal received a sufficient number to elect.

The steamship President Wilson bringing Cardinal O'Connell to Rome will not arrive before next Monday. The steamship company said they had received a wireless from the ship which showed this.

The third and fourth ballots were taken and none of these resulted in the choice of a Pope.

FULL SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A plenary session of the arms conference has been called for 10:30 tomorrow.

BODDY TO DIE EARLY IN MARCH

New York, Feb. 3.—Luther Boddy the negro, who killed two police detectives on Jan. 25 today was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing during the week commencing March 13. The two detectives were leading Boddy to the station for the purpose of securing evidence against another. He had a pistol suspended by a string in his sleeve, and without warning shot the officers.

DEEPEST MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF WM. D. TAYLOR

WAS SHOT TO DEATH

Mabel Normand, Well Known Motion Picture Actress, is a Witness in the Case, Stating That She Called at Taylor's Apartments on the Night Preceding the Killing.

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—Revenge, jealousy, hate and unanswered love all were considered by the police in their search for the slayer of Wm. Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, whose body was found yesterday in his apartment here. While the meager clues obtained so far pointed to the commission of the crime by a man the detectives said they believed it was possible Taylor has been killed by a woman.

Their hunt was largely centered along three lines, the trail of the skulking figure of a man seen around the director's apartments both before and after the neighbors heard a shot in the night; the whereabouts of a former servant arrested for the alleged robbery of the director and reported to have threatened revenge; and the sender of an anonymous letter in which were included pawn tickets for articles stolen from Taylor.

Every person known to have been in or near the apartments have been closely questioned in the search for clues to the murder. These included Mabel Normand, a motion picture actress. Miss Normand who was one of the last to see the director alive told of a call she made at the Taylor apartment the night before in connection with a book which he had loaned her. Her chauffeur corroborated her statement saying Taylor accompanied her to the machine when she left his apartments.

Taylor had directed many actors prominent in the film world, including Mary Miles Minter and Mary Pickford. Pictures of the two and Miss Normand were found in prominent places around the room.

EXECUTIONERS GO ON STRIKE

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The public executioners at Karlsruhe and Baden following the lead of their comrades at Mannheim, have notified the ministry of justice that they will go on a strike unless their pay is increased. They declare it is impossible to behead criminals properly at the present prices.

WEATHER.

For North Carolina fair tonight and Saturday, somewhat colder tonight, fresh westerly winds.

GENERAL NEWS

One thousand and fifty two cases of influenza and 240 of pneumonia were reported in New York Wednesday.

The University of California plans to erect an athletic stadium of the bowl type, made of steel and concrete seating 75,000 persons.

Reports from national headquarters of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fund campaign announce that contributions to the fund in twenty five states have already amounted to more than \$300,000.

The case against Dr. L. Sharpe of Beaufort, charged with criminal abortion and practicing medicine without license has ended with an agreement that Dr. Sharpe will not practice medicine in the State and will leave the State within a reasonable length of time.

Textile mills in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine employing approximately 50,000 operatives have notified their employees of a 20 per cent wage cut effective Feb. 13.

COLLINS PROMISED TO GIVE NORTHERN IRELAND A CHANCE

CHARGE BY CRAIG

The Ulster Premier Declares That When He Reminded Collins that the Boundaries Between Ulster and South Ireland Should be Considered Collins Was Indifferent.

London, Feb. 3.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier declared in a statement today that he had been told by Michael Collins, head of the South Ireland provisional government that Collins had made a promise of bringing into the Irish free State almost half of Northern Ireland, including Fermanagh, Tyrone and large parts of Antrim and Down and Londonderry City.

Sir James said he had suggested to Mr. Collins a week's adjournment for a consideration of the situation regarding the boundaries between Ulster and South Ireland, but Collins had replied the differences separating them were so wide that a postponement would be useless.

WHEAT

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The general condition of the Kansas winter wheat has not improved since December. When the government placed it at sixty in some of the most important wheat sections it is considerably below this figure. There are more complaints of ice covered fields. Prospects in the soft wheat territory are still generally favorable, thawing and freezing weather prevails.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Feb. 3.—Cotton futures opened steady, March 16.80, May 16.50, July 16.09, Oct. 15.61, Dec. unquoted.

New York, Feb. 3.—The cotton market was somewhat irregular at the opening today, first prices being 7 points over to 15 points higher. Liverpool was better however and the market firmed up on renewed covering by near months. March sold up to 17.01, and December to 15.81, shortly after the call, making net advances of 15 to 23 points.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED

Mar. 16.80, May 16.53, July 16.28, Oct. 15.81, Dec. 15.58.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED.

Mar. 16.96, May 16.67, July 16.25, Oct. 15.78, Dec. 15.70

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Mar. 16.83, May 16.53, July 16.15, Oct. 15.73, Dec. 15.66-B.

Spots Wilson market 15 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL OPENED

Mar. 9.36, May 9.37, July 9.34, Oct. 9.12.

LIVERPOOL CLOSING

Mar. 9.42, May 9.40, July 9.38, Oct. 9.14.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.23 3-4, July 1.08.

Corn, May 54 3-4, July 56 3-4.

Oats, May 39 1-2, July 40 1-2.

GRAIN CLOSED

Wheat, May 125 6-8, or 3-4.

July 109 3-8.

Corn, May 53.3, July 57.3.

Oats, May 39.4, July 40.6.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Wheat, May 1.24 1-8, July 1.07 7-8.

Corn, May 54 7-8, July 56 7-8.

Oats, May 39 1-2, July 40 1-2.

STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 3.—The extensive short interests in the stock market continued to cover at the active and firm opening of today's sessions. The oils and utilities registered early gains. General Asphalt, People's Gas and Brown Shoe were the strong features.

KENYON ON SHELF MAY GIVE TROUBLE WITH THIRD PARTY

STRATEGIC PROMOTION

It May be that the Senator Was Tired of the Turmoil of Politics and Wanted the Quietude of the Bench, and Then He May be Thinking of Leading Third Party.

(By David Lawrence.)
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Washington, Feb. 2.—Out of the frying pan into the fire may be the upshot of the maneuver whereby Senator Kenyon of Iowa, brains of the agricultural bloc, was prevailed upon to leave the Senate and accept the federal judgeship offered him by President Harding.

The political purpose plainly was to remove the leader of a movement which had been threatening the solidarity of the Republican party. Senator Kenyon was a thorn in the side of the administration. He was the man who gave the Democrats much political ammunition by the way he fought against the seating of Senator Newberry. He threatened to support Senator Kendrick of Wyoming a Democrat, as against Frank Mondell, Republican, because the latter was too conservative. Mr. Kenyon talked about campaigning from one end of the country to the other on the subject of "condemning corruption" in the Senate. He was always active and independent and was one of the chief figures in bringing out the facts of the Missouri primary scandal which preceded the Republican national convention of 1920.

Then why did he abandon these aggressive tactics and accept a quiet place on the bench? Most everybody here in political circles know why the Administration wanted to have Kenyon out of the way. It's not a new kind of strategy—removal by promotion. Democrats have availed themselves of it too. But Senator Kenyon's own reasons remain a mystery. The most plausible explanation advanced by those who know him best is that he was just tired—plainly tired with life in the United States, that the vote in the Newberry case disheartened him, and that the disgust for politics which he had so often expressed in private had at last come to a head, and that if the appointment had not been tendered him he might have resigned.

But if Senator Kenyon has found solace on the federal bench, it cannot be said that the Administration is altogether sure that it has accomplished much by removing him from leadership of the farm bloc. In the first place, there is no certainty that the appointee from Iowa will hold aloof from the bloc. The chances are that any Senator from Iowa will have to go along with the western group of Senators who are making a fight for better treatment of the American farmer by the federal government.

As for leadership of the bloc, the departure of Kenyon leaves no outstanding figure unless it be Senator Norris of Nebraska. The truth is that Kenyon has been more or less of a liaison officer between the two factions inside the agricultural bloc—the radicals and conservatives. He has managed to keep the bloc together and has endeavored to work through the machinery of the Republican party despite the constant gossip about a third party movement with Kenyon as a presidential candidate in 1924. Now it would not be surprising if the two factions develop differences of opinion which may lead to further disturbance inside the Republican party. Senator Norris of Nebraska is likely to lead the radicals in the farm bloc while Senator Kellogg of Minnesota is the most conspicuous of the conservatives.

Politically minded folks seem to see a parallel in the present situation (Continued on page 8)

FINAL BUSINESS OF ARMS MEETING COMES TOMORROW

TWO CHINESE TREATIES

The Formal Signing of Important Treaties Will Occur Tomorrow in Public; Japanese and Chinese Will Sign Their Treaty on Shantung it is Stated.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The "Big Nine" of the arms conference meeting today for the last time whipped into shape the treaties relating to China and issued a formal call for a plenary session tomorrow to mark the final wind up of the Washington negotiations.

It was decided to base only two treaties on the Chinese decisions of the conference and embody in them only a few of the fifteen resolutions adopted in regard to the Chinese questions. One will cover tariff revision and other the route "four points" and the open door. The remaining resolutions are to be presented at the final plenary session merely as a series of joint declaration policies.

The heads also discussed whether the formal signing of the naval and far eastern treaties should be in public or private. There was a suggestion that the names should be affixed at the big green table at which the plenary sessions are held.

Plans had been made today for the Japanese and Chinese to sign their treaty on Shantung but it was decided that also should be postponed until Monday. The only remaining formal meetings of the day were a wind up session of the armaments committee and a similar session of the far eastern committee called for late this afternoon to hear China's statement on the "twenty one" demands and spread the statements on the committee records.

WANT THE YOUNG AND SLENDER

New York, Feb. 3.—Charges that one of New York's department stores is refusing to employ men or women over 35 years of age or 165 pounds in weight was being investigated by the central trades and labor council upon complaints filed by the painters district council.

The painters also charged old employees of the concern who failed to come within the age and weight specifications are being discharged.

Managers of the firm against which the charges are made characterized them as "absolutely silly."

GERMANY HAS SERIOUS RAILROAD STRIKE.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Germany's railway strike which has almost completely tied up all kinds of traffic since Wednesday night became even more complete today when the Berlin branch of the railway joined the strikers. It was estimated 77,000 engine drivers were now striking. Passenger and freight traffic is practically tied up.

WEALTHY BRIDE HAS SLIPPED FROM SIGHT.

New York, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Marian B. Stephens, Chicago, heiress and Anastase Andreievich Vonskiatsky Vonskiatsky, Russian, employed by the Baldwin Locomotive workers, both of whom came to New York for the announced purpose of being married this morning have dropped mysteriously from sight. Mrs. Stephens' fiancée slipped out of Philadelphia late last night. The pair was seen this morning at the Russian Orthodox church but whether they had been married or were making arrangements for their marriage tomorrow is unknown.

They drove away from the church in an automobile together.

MUST FIND MEANS TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY SOLDIERS

NOT BY BEER TAX

Internal Taxes or Proceeds From the Refunded Foreign Debt are the Means Now Being Considered by the House Ways and Means Committee, Cost Uncertain.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Soldiers bonus legislation now under consideration by the house ways and means committee will carry a provision for raising necessary revenue to finance it Chairman Fordney announced today after a conference with President Harding. Whether the money will be obtained by internal taxes or the use of proceeds from the refunded foreign debt or both remains to be determined later.

Because of the uncertainty as to the number of former service men who will take the cash feature the house committee has difficulty in determining just what the cost will be.

Experts have conceded the estimates that 50 per cent of the men would take cash is little more than a guess. Some guesses are as high as 80 per cent.

Arguments for and against a tax on beer as a means of raising money for the bonus were heard by the committee and at the conclusion members indicated very clearly such a tax was not to be considered.

CHILEAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 3.—The Chilean cabinet resigned today.

WOULD UNIFY GOV. ROAD ACTIVITIES

One Bureau or Commission is Advocated, Also Repeal of the Adamson Act.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Consolidation of all government activities relating to railroads within one bureau or a commission which would include a tribunal representing the government exclusively was among the remedies for the present situation of the carriers proposed today by the national association of manufacturers before the Senate interstate commerce committee.

Repeal of "such artificial economic" burdens as the Adamson act and full crew laws also was recommended by the association.

TROUBLE AT HOSPITAL

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Dr. Joseph Hall of Cincinnati has been ordered here by Dr. Hugh Cummings surgeon general of the public health service to investigate a disturbance last night in the Edwards Hines, Jr. Memorial hospital and which resulted in ten negroes leaving the hospital.

An inquiry into the disturbance in which a heavy cup was hurled at a negro will be investigated.

There are about 900 soldiers at the hospital of whom about 100 are negroes.

GUARDSMEN TO QUELL STRIKERS IN KY.

Newport, Ky., Feb. 3.—Citizens expressed the belief today, when unit after unit of Kentucky national guardsmen detained to take up posts at the Newport roller mills where strike disturbances were threatening that four hundred soldiers ordered here by Governor Morrow will be on duty by nightfall in the vicinity of the mills.

Col. Chas. Morrow of Somerset, Ky., twin brother of the governor, arrived with the first soldiers today and took charge of the situation.